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To Quin Shea from Harold Weisberg, JFK assassination records appeals 6/21/79

Aside from the fact that the records disclosed from FBI files are not complete, as required by the historical case determination and the requirements for such disclosures, I have other, earlier and specific requests by subject. One of these is for all pre-assassination information relating to Lee Harvey Oswald and another is for all such information relating to him in Mexico.

In the Oswald file, 105-82555 there is a Not Recorded D.J.Brennan to W.C.Sullivan memo of 12/19/63 captioned "RELATIONS WITH CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY (CIA)" It reports that in connection with the pre-assassination period in Mexico CIA Director McCone behaved in " a vicious and underhanded manner characterized with sheer dishonesty. ... seriously jeopardizing Bureau prestige and reputation."

This and other serious characterizations relate to the report that Oswald was paid $6,500 in the Cuban embassy in Mexico City to do the job plus the FBI's informing the CIA "that the story ... was completely discredited."

"Experience in dealing with the CIA," the memo states,"has shown that a firm and forthright confrontation ... has protected Bureau interests in a most effective manner."

It is stated that when faced with "such nefarious activity, there is a way of putting a stop to this." It is,"If approved, the Liaison Agent will confront McCone..." Why this is "most effective" is unclear from "If McCone did make the referred statements, we can expect him to make a denial." It appears to be obvious that if he did not make the statements he would also make a denial.

Clear or not this a matter of considerable historical interest and of personal interest to me in my work. I do not recall any record reporting the results of the confrontation that the Director did approve. I also do not recall any copies of any records in which the FBI set the CIA straight on the Mexico City wrong information. I assume these and other relevant records are withheld and I appeal the denial. I also ask that other relevant files, like "RELATIONS WITH CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY" and those of the Divisions involved be searched in compliance. (My request is by subject.)